



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5216**

February Session, 2010

\* \_\_\_\_HB05216APP\_\_041310\_\_ \*

**AN ACT CONCERNING UTILITY TERMINATION FOR HOUSEHOLDS  
WITH A MEMBER LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS OLD.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 16-262c of the  
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

4 (b) (1) From November first to May first, inclusive, no electric or  
5 electric distribution company, as defined in section 16-1, no electric  
6 supplier and no municipal utility furnishing electricity shall terminate  
7 or refuse to reinstate residential electric service in hardship cases  
8 where the customer lacks the financial resources to pay his or her  
9 entire account. From November first to May first, inclusive, no gas  
10 company and no municipal utility furnishing gas shall terminate or  
11 refuse to reinstate residential gas service in hardship cases where the  
12 customer uses such gas for heat and lacks the financial resources to  
13 pay his or her entire account, except a gas company that, between May  
14 second and October thirty-first, terminated gas service to a residential  
15 customer who uses gas for heat and who, during the previous period  
16 of November first to May first, had gas service maintained because of  
17 hardship status, may refuse to reinstate the gas service from November  
18 first to May first, inclusive, only if the customer has failed to pay, since  
19 the preceding November first, the lesser of: (A) Twenty per cent of the

20 outstanding principal balance owed the gas company as of the date of  
 21 termination, (B) one hundred dollars, or (C) the minimum payments  
 22 due under the customer's amortization agreement. Notwithstanding  
 23 any other provision of the general statutes to the contrary, no electric,  
 24 electric distribution or gas company, no electric supplier and no  
 25 municipal utility furnishing electricity or gas shall terminate or refuse  
 26 to reinstate residential electric or gas service where the customer lacks  
 27 the financial resources to pay his or her entire account and for which  
 28 customer or a member of the customer's household the termination or  
 29 failure to reinstate such service would create a life-threatening  
 30 situation. Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes,  
 31 from October first until June first, no electric, electric distribution or  
 32 gas company, no electric supplier and no municipal utility furnishing  
 33 electricity or gas shall terminate or refuse to reinstate residential  
 34 electric or gas service where the customer lacks the financial resources  
 35 to pay his or her entire account and a child not more than twenty-four  
 36 months old resides in the customer's household and such customer is a  
 37 hardship case.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | July 1, 2010 | 16-262c(b)(1) |
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**ET**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**APP**         *Joint Favorable*